



Burdekin Shire

Three Bin Service

Waste Services Guide

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Burdekin Shire is providing residents with a weekly garbage service, and fortnightly recycling service and a new fortnightly green waste service.

Your recycling and green waste bins will be collected fortnightly on the same day as the garbage bin; one week your recycling bin will be collected and the following week your green waste bin will be collected. Collection weeks for your suburb can be found on Council's website - www.burdekin.qld.gov.au.

This guide provides information about the domestic waste services available in Burdekin. If you require further information please call **Burdekin Shire Council on 4783 9800** or visit www.burdekin.qld.gov.au



Reducing waste is important. The existing landfill in the Shire has a limited lifespan, and there is a shortage of land available for new landfills. The generation and management of waste can also have a number of potential environmental impacts, including the loss of natural resources, pollution of air and waterways and the contamination of land.

The average Australian family generates enough waste each year to fill a three bedroom house from floor to ceiling. There are a number of simple things that you can do to reduce the amount of waste your family produces.

- Avoid excess packaging when purchasing products
- Buy products in reusable or recyclable packaging
- Say no to plastic bags
- Take lunches to school or work in reusable containers
- Repair clothes, toys and electronics rather than throwing them away
- Recycle wherever possible
- Compost food and garden waste
- Remember - *Avoid, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*

Your Garbage Collection Service is Weekly

- Only place general household waste in your garbage bin
- Place bins on kerb the night before collection day
- Ensure no overhanging branches or other obstacles will prevent collection
- Place bins so that the opening and handles face the road
- Ensure bins are at least one (1) metre apart
- Ensure the lid of your bin is completely closed
- If your bin is damaged please contact Council to arrange repairs 4783 9800



YES



NO



Your Recycling Collection Service is Fortnightly

- All households are provided with a yellow lidded recycling bin, which is collected fortnightly on the same day as your garbage bin
- Bins are to be at least one (1) metre apart at kerb on collection day
- Remove lids from containers first, lids are to be placed in your garbage bin
- Place items directly into bin - do not place in plastic bags first
- Flatten bulkier items to provide more room in recycling bin
- Incorrect items placed in your recycling bin can contaminate the load and pose a health and safety risk to the staff at the Materials Recovery Facility where the recycling is sorted (the first stage of sorting is by hand)
- To find out your collection day visit www.burdekin.qld.gov.au or if you experience any service problems please contact 4783 9800



240 litre recycling bin

YES		NO	
 ✓ Glass bottles & jars (no lids please)	 ✓ Newspaper, paper, magazines & brochures	 ✗ Polystyrene foam	 ✗ Plastic bags, packets & film
 ✓ Rigid plastic containers & bottles from the kitchen, bathroom & laundry (no lids please)	 ✓ Cardboard boxes & cartons	 ✗ Light globes, mirrors & window glass	 ✗ Nappies
 ✓ Steel & aluminium cans & empty aerosols	 ✓ Milk & juice cartons	 ✗ Ceramics & crockery	 ✗ Gas bottles, batteries, paint & oil
		 ✗ Syringes & Medical waste	 ✗ Food scraps
		 ✗ Soil, rocks & grass	 ✗ Chemicals & pesticides

Your Green Waste Collection Service is Fortnightly



240 litre green waste bin

To reduce the amount of green waste being sent to landfill, Burdekin Shire Council have introduced a new green waste collection service. This service will allow residents to divert garden waste for reuse through an easy, no fuss, fortnightly collection.

By recovering garden waste Council is reducing the amount of methane, a greenhouse gas, being produced; conserving space in the Kirknie Road Landfill and reusing a valuable resource.

The green waste collected will be stockpiled and composted to generate high quality mulches and soil conditioners for a range of Council uses.

For large quantities of Green Waste, diversion and recovery services are available at the transfer station and landfills throughout Burdekin Shire. Material deposited directly to these facilities will also be treated and re-used, saving landfill space and reducing Burdekin's green house gas emissions.

TIP Placing twigs and small branches at the bottom of your bin will help in emptying the bin.

YES



Lawn clippings



Garden prunings



Leaves and garden weeds



Tree prunings (no thicker than 15cm diameter)



Shrubs and herbs



Cut and garden flowers

NO



Soil or rocks



Tree stumps



General waste



Bricks & building materials



Bagged green waste



Food waste



Chemicals or pesticides



Gas bottles, batteries, paint & oil

Transfer Stations and Landfills

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Ayr Transfer Station	53-57 Jones Street, Ayr	8.00am - 6.00pm	7 days a week
Home Hill Transfer Station	Bojack Road, Home Hill	10.00am - 6.00pm 8.00am - 6.00pm	Weekdays Weekends
Clare Transfer Station	Ayr-Dalberg Road, Clare	7.00am - 10.00am 3.00pm - 6.00pm	Mon, Fri, Sun Wed, Sat
Giru Transfer Station	Cromarty Creek Road Giru	3.00pm - 6.00pm 3.30pm - 6.00pm	Sun Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat
Kirknie Road Landfill	Kirknie Road, Home Hill	8.30am - 4.30pm 1.00pm - 5.00pm	Mon - Fri Sat

- Fees are charged for the disposal of some items. Call Council on 4783 9800 to clarify fees if you are unsure.
- Salvagable goods are available for sale at staffed sites.
- Council holds a drumMUSTER collection on the first Wednesday of every month at the Ayr Transfer Station. This is to aid in the safe collection of unused and unwanted chemicals. Services are available at other waste facilities, call the Customer Service Centre on 4783 9800 to book a service.

Local Disposal Facilities

There are several facilities in Burdekin Shire which accept a wide variety of materials for disposal and recycling; charges may apply depending on the type of material being deposited at the facility. For more information regarding acceptance criteria and charges please contact Burdekin Shire Council on 4783 9800 or visit www.burdekin.qld.gov.au

Other Disposal Facilities and Recycling Services

Medicines: To return unwanted or out of date medicines contact Return Unwanted Medicines (RUM) on 1300 650 835 or visit www.returnmed.com.au or your local chemist.

Needles: Sharps cannot be placed in your waste or recycling bin. They must be placed in a secure sealed container and returned to Burdekin Shire Council.

Containers are available from Burdekin Shire Council Customer Service Centres, call 4783 9800.



Mobile Phones: To find your nearest mobile phone drop off centre visit www.phonerecycling.com.au or call 1300 730 070.



Electronic Waste: Take E-Waste to the recycling centre at Ayr and Home Hill Transfer stations.



Household Items and Clothing: Contact your local charity to see which items they will accept and donate these instead of sending them to landfill.



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